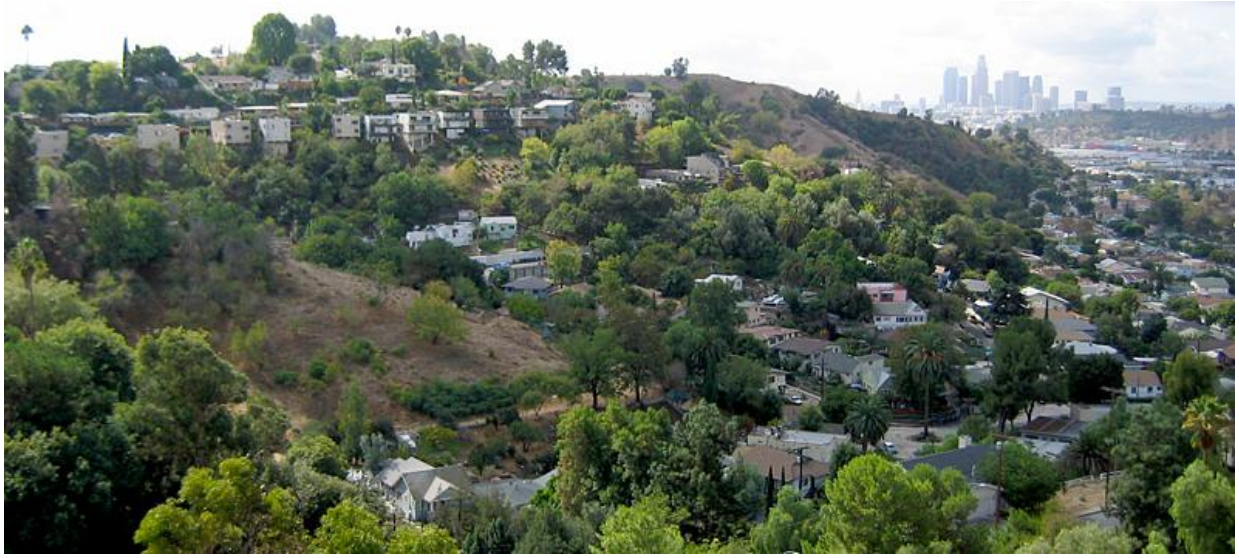
Known by residents as the 'Wilderness in the City,' Montecito Heights sits atop the Monterey Hills that divide the Los Angeles Basin from the San Gabriel Valley. Some of the city's most spectacular views are available on the district's hills. Along with neighboring Highland Park and Pasadena, it is one of the historic centers of the Arts and Crafts movement.

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